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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT FORD'S REPLY TO PRESIDENT KIRCHSCHLAEG-
GER'S MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS

1. THE EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO DELIVER THE FOLLOWING
MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FORD TO PRESIDENT KIRCHSCHLAEGER:

BEGIN TEXT

HIS EXCELLENCY

RUDOLF KIRCHSCHLAEGER

FEDERAL PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA

VIENNA

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

YOUR THOUGHTFUL AND HEARTENING MESSAGE ON MY ASSUMPTION
OF OFFICE AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES IS DEEPLY
APPRECIATED. YOU MAY BE ASSURED THAT ALL THE RESOURCES
OF THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO BE DIRECTED
TOWARD OUR COMMON GOAL OF A TRUE AND LASTING PEACE FOR ALL
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SINCERELY,

GERALD R. FORD

END TEXT

2. FYI, THE KIRCHSCHLAEGER TELEGRAM READ:

BEGIN TEXT

VIENNA
AUGUST 9, 1974

THE PRESIDENT
THE WHITE HOUSE

YOUR TAKING CHARGE OF THE HIGHEST OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES PROVIDES ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONVEY TO YOU MY SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS AND TO EXPRESS ALL MY WISHES FOR A SUCCESSFUL ACCOMPLISHMENT OF YOUR IMPORTANT MISSION IN THE INTEREST OF YOUR COUNTRY AND OF THE WORLD. AM SURE THAT THE FRIENDLY AND CLOSE RELATIONS WHICH EXIST SO HAPPILY BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES WILL CONTINUE.

RUDOLF KIRCHSCHLAEGER
FEDERAL PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA

END TEXT

3. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT DOES NOT INTEND TO RELEASE THIS EXCHANGE OF CORRESPONDENCE, BUT WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION SHOULD THE AUSTRIAN AUTHORITIES SO ELECT.

4. THIS TELEGRAM SHOULD BE DECLASSIFIED UPON DELIVERY OF THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO KIRCHSCHLAEGER. INGERSOLL

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